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Meetings, Tests, Fun, And Frolic Characterize GSCW Orientation Week

GSCW Freshmen and transferring students observed Orientation Week September 18-24. To orientate according to Mr. Webster, means to acquaint one with the existing situation or environment. Ask any new arrival at GSCW and she will most likely tell you that this week's experiences have met the specifications of this definition.

Big sisters, meetings, assemblies, psychological examinations,

handbooks, faculty advisors, tours, parties, entertainment, and leaders are all facets that will remain long in the minds of these new "Jessies."

The hustle and bustle of this exciting week began with the arrival of new students on September 18. Later in the evening the girls had dinner with their big sisters attended vespers, had a dorm meeting, and then settled down for their first night of being a college student at GSCW.

Opening Assembly started Monday off with a bang. Dr. J. C. Bonner, the guest speaker, gave a talk on "The University System and the Georgia State College for Women." Next on the agenda were the psychological exams followed by meetings with faculty advisors. In the afternoon the new students were acquainted with their handbooks. To climax a well-packed day, a picnic supper on front campus was enjoyed by all and was followed by a Carillon Concert and social hour.

Tuesday's activities were very much like Monday's with assembly, tests, and handbook meetings. Additions to this day included a tour of the library, a talk by Dean Barbara Chandler on "The Challenges and Responsibilities of College", and a Get-Acquainted Party in the gym. The campus took on more life this day with the arrival of upper-classmen.

Wednesday began with assembly which was presented by Miss Isabel Rogers on "The Honor System." For Freshmen, orthopedic exams and handbook studies were the important activities of the day. Night entertainment began with a Modern Dance Demonstration and concluded with the Freshman Talent Show.

On Thursday, the inevitable came as classes began. Thursday evening's entertainment consisted of denominational socials followed by a football game at GMC.

Regular classes officially began on Friday. The day was climaxed with the President's reception for new students at the Mansion.

Saturday rolls around with regular classes beginning the itinerary. GSCW will be officially opened today with Formal Convocation at 10:30 featuring Dr. Susan B. Riley, Professor of English at Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee, as guest speaker.

Today will bring to an end the exciting busy week known to every GSCW student as Orientation Week. However, this is not the stopping place, because this has just been an introduction to and beginning of four years which will be filled with many wonderful and meaningful experiences.

New Home Economics Building Planned

Dr. Lee caused considerable excitement last Wednesday when he announced that GSCW would soon be adding a new Home Economics building. The Board of Regents of the University System has allocated the college \$605,000 for this purpose. The school was given \$320,000 last fall for renovating Chappell Hall and for erecting an addition to the building. However, it soon became evident that an entirely new building would be needed, and a request was made for additional funds.



G.S.C.W. Observes Convocation Day Dr. Susan B. Riley Is Principal Speaker

Today the senior class of 1961, clad in black caps and gowns for the first time, will walk down that long aisle in Russell Auditorium to participate in GSCW's convocation program. Convocation Day is the formal opening of our school year. For the senior class, today is the beginning of the end—the beginning of that last year of college. It is a day of anticipation for the class of '61, for each senior realizes that today's performance will be a dress rehearsal for that day, a few short months hence, when she will walk down that aisle for the last time and receive her cherished diploma.

Today's convocation program will be presented to one of the largest audiences we have had in recent years. This year's enrollment shows an increase of 11% over last year's enrollment, making this a record increase for GSCW. The registrar's office announced that three hundred freshmen had registered Tuesday. After

the upperclassmen had finished registering Wednesday, the grand total came to 763 students. Besides this number, fifty-two students have registered for Saturday classes.

The distinguished guest speaker for Convocation will be Dr. Susan B. Riley, professor of English at Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Riley is the holder of several degrees and the recipient of many honors. She was a student at Blue Mountain College in Mississippi from 1911 until 1914. Then she received her B.S. degree from George Peabody College for Teachers in 1923, her M.A. degree in 1927, and her Ph.D. in 1934. Recently she received an honorary LL.D. degree from the University of Chattanooga. Dr. Riley has taught in the public schools of Mississippi and Texas and also at Blue Mountain College and at Hillman Teachers' College. She is at present a professor of English at George Peabody College for Teachers. She has received several awards, including the Carnegie Grant-in-Aid, which was given to her in 1949. Dr. Riley is a member of numerous associations and is an author of bibliographies and study guides on southern literature.

"Izzy" Returns As Director Of YWCA

As one student expressed it, "At least this is the year when you won't be hearing folks say 'Izzy will be back next year.' Yes, Izzy is back on our campus after a two year leave of absence.

For the past decade Miss Isabel Rogers has been the director of the religious activities on our campus. With her background in English, political science, and re-

CGA Retreat Proves A Great Success Filled With Planning And Excitement

Hurricane Donna swept out of Georgia last week, and on Thursday, sixty student leaders swept into Milledgeville, creating their own small storm of excitement and activity at Lake Laurel. The occasion was GSCW's annual Fall Retreat, which has as its purpose the organization and kick-off of the freshman Orientation Week program.

CGA, Rec, and Y, were represented by their officers and major participants in orientation planning. These people included handbook teachers, Junior Advisors, various committee chairmen, faculty advisors, etc. In accord with custom, the new faculty members were invited to attend and participate in certain parts of the program. "Izzy" Rogers, Miss Robinson, and Miss Cox served as chaperones for retreat.

On Friday morning, in the opening meeting, which was conducted by President of CGA, Tina Culpepper, Dr. Bonner gave the keynote address. He had Democracy as his subject and centered his remarks around its relation to a college campus. He gave an insight into the "mature" view of Democracy as a system that involves the "freedom to choose between alternate ways of action" and that includes the "concept of the dignity and worth of the individual." Also, he presented Democracy as a "way of life which involves generally accepted standards of procedure." Dr. Bonner explicated

some of his statements by citing illustrations from experience.

Executive meetings and cabinet meetings followed and were followed by lunch, after which Suzanne Pharr led a handbook study. Other groups that settled down to serious thinking in sessions held throughout the afternoon were handbook teachers, led by Suzanne Pharr, Junior Advisors, led by Dianne McGill, Board of Class Presidents, under the leadership of Tina Culpepper, committee on orientation, and Honor Council, with Jane Chance as chairman.

Night came, and with it came a general meeting, at which Marcia Perry, Y.W.C.A. President, presided. Dean Chandler and Dr. Lee expressed their welcomes, and Dr. Lee introduced the new faculty members to the group. Then various persons shared their outstanding summer experiences with the group. Recreation for the evening was in the form of a sing, led by Laura Willis, Pat Williams, and Ann Jane Yarbrough. Taps, sponsored by Y, brought a peaceful end to the day's work.

Bedtime proved to be, in many instances, a hilarious revelation, for articles ranging from toothpaste to pajamas were found to be missing from hurriedly packed gear. After a bevy of "good nights" had been exchanged, sleep came to sharpen the minds that were needed for further planning and decision-making.

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